

Welcome to First Presbyterian Church

The Lord's Prayer

(from The Book of Praise, #535)

Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come,
your will be done,
on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins
as we forgive those who sin against us.
Save us from the time of trial
and deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power
and the glory are yours
now and forever. Amen

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WE GATHER IN GOD'S PRESENCE

Musical Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

Call to Worship

Please stand at items marked * if you are able. Passages in **Bold Print** are to be spoken in unison

Instrumental Hymn: "I greet thee, who my sure Redeemer art" #678

*Opening Prayer:

Eternal God, you are the same yesterday, today and tomorrow, and yet you come to us afresh each new day. You breathe new life into what has grown tired and discouraged. You offer healing for what is broken and worn. You restore hope for what seems impossible. You are the source of life and love for us and all your creatures, And so we worship you as Creator, Christ and Holy Spirit, one God, now and always.

Merciful God, we confess that we have strayed from your purposes. You set a path for us to follow, but we conform to the ways of this world. You offer us your transforming love, but we cling to familiar patterns and habits. You give each of us gifts to use for the work of your kingdom, but we wait for others to do what needs doing. Forgive us for taking the easy way out and failing to serve you with eager hearts. Grant us strength and encouragement to follow you faithfully. We pray in the name of Jesus. Amen.

Assurance of Pardon

Special Music by Lorne Clifford

WE HEAR GOD'S WORD

Bible Readings:

Jeremiah 8:18-9:3

pg. 709-710

Psalms 107:17-22

pg. 559-560 OT

Matthew 9:2-13

pg. 102 NT

Sermon: "The Doctor Will See You Now"

Instrumental Hymn: "Softly and tenderly" #640

WE RESPOND TO GOD

Tithes and Offerings

* Prayer of Dedication:

O God, bless the offerings we make today, as well as the time, talent, and concern we will offer you this week. Keep our hearts free of worry, so that we can give what we have freely, trusting your Spirit to accomplish more than we can ask or imagine in Christ's name. Amen.

Pastoral Prayer & Lord's Prayer (see the back of bulletin)

WE GO OUT TO SERVE

Blessing

Music Postlude:

(Please maintain a reverent silence and stillness during Postlude)

"Welcome to worship! We're glad you're here with us this morning. A video devotional based on the same scriptures and sermon topic is available on our Church website and Facebook page. We will provide updates when our various groups, such as Bible Study and Crafts and Conversation, choose to resume."

The church office has re opened.

Hours are Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday 8:30 am – 12:30 pm